

3. All standards medical facilities are available in the Armed Forces Hospitals. Modernisation and upgradation of hospitals is an on going process. Recently, the Government have also approved a scheme for procuring specialised medical equipment for the Armed Forces Hospitals at a cost of over Rs. 66 crores.

[Translation]

Complaint Advisory Board

1345. SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a 'Complaint Advisory Board' has been constituted in the office of the Chief of Army Staff to consider the complaints of the serving personnels;

(b) if so, whether the number of complaints has increased during the last three years; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) to (c) A Complaints Advisory Board was constituted in the office of the Chief of the Army Staff in February, 1986 to consider the complaints of serving personnel primarily pertaining to career matters such as supersession and perceived adverse or low gradings/remarks in Annual Confidential Reports, etc. During the last three years, there has been a marginal annual increase in the number of complaints. The details are given below :

Year	No. of complaints
(a) 1993	1393
(b) 1994	1589
(c) 1995	1653
(d) 1996 (upto October, 1996)	1261

2. The marginal annual increase in the complaints are due to the following reasons :

(i) Decreased inhibition in putting up complaints.

(ii) Increased career aspirations.

This can also be interpreted as increased as increase of faith in the grievances redressal system.

Indians in Foreign Jails

1346. SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH :

SHRIMATI BHAVNA BEN DEVRAJ BHAJ
CHIKHALIA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a large number of Indian soldiers and citizens are still imprisoned in foreign jails;

(b) if so, the details thereof as on November 30, 1996 country-wise;

(c) the action taken or being taken by the Government for the early release of these prisoners; and

(d) the number of Indians got released from foreign jails during the last two years and till November 1996 as a result of the efforts made by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b). The information available with Government till June, 1996 regarding number of Indian soldiers and citizens in foreign jails is at Annexure 'A'. Information, as on November 30, 1996 is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) As soon as the Mission/Post comes to know about the arrest of an Indian national, a request is made to the concerned authorities for seeking consular access to the Indian national under arrest. The Consular Officer visits the detainee to ascertain the grounds and circumstances leading to his arrest. Where necessary the Mission takes up the matter at a higher level with the host Government for speedy and fair trial or review of sentence so that early release can be undertaken. The Indian Missions/Posts abroad also take care to see that Indian detainees are treated properly while in jail.

(d) The information available with Government till June, 1996 regarding number of Indians released from foreign jails is enclosed as Statement. Information, as on November 30, 1996, is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

S.No.	Mission	Indians in Foreign Jails		Indians Released from foreign jails during last 2 years
		Soldiers	Civilians	
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Afghanistan	nil	nil	nil
2.	Algeria	nil	nil	nil
3.	Angola	nil	nil	nil
4.	Argentina	nil	nil	3
5.	Australia	nil	5	11
6.	Austria	nil	74	63
7.	Bahrain	nil	82	nil
8.	Bangladesh	nil	491	nil
9.	Belarus	nil	3	nil
10.	Belgium	nil	nil	nil
11.	Bhutan	nil	60	87
12.	Belize	nil	nil	nil
13.	Bolivia	nil	nil	nil

1	2	3	4	5
14. Botswana	nil	nil	nil	
15. Brazil	nil	nil	4	
16. Brunei Darussalam	nil	nil	nil	
17. Bulgaria	nil	nil	nil	
18. Cambodia	nil	nil	nil	
19. Canada	nil	35	nil	
20. Chile	nil	nil	nil	
21. China	nil	1	4	
22. Colombia	nil	nil	nil	
23. Cuba	nil	nil	nil	
24. Cyprus	nil	nil	nil	
25. Czech Republic	nil	nil	10	
26. Denmark	nil	nil	nil	
27. Egypt	nil	12	nil	
28. Ethiopia	nil	nil	nil	
29. Finland	nil	nil	nil	
30. France	nil	nil	2	
31. Germany	nil	14	6	
32. Ghana	nil	nil	nil	
33. Greece*	nil	29	171	
34. Guyana	nil	nil	nil	
35. Hong Kong	nil	30	247	
36. Hungary	nil	nil	nil	
37. Indonesia	nil	1	4	
38. Iran	nil	17	13	
39. Iraq	nil	3	6	
40. Ireland	nil	nil	1	
41. Israel	nil	nil	nil	
42. Italy	nil	33	nil	
43. Ivory Coast	nil	nil	nil	
44. Jamaica	nil	6	77	
45. Japan	nil	5	4	
46. Jordan*	nil	3	11	
47. Kazakhstan	nil	nil	nil	
48. Kenya	nil	2	nil	
49. Korea (DPR)	nil	nil	nil	
50. Korea (Republic of)	nil	1	2	
51. Kuwait	nil	135	69	
52. Kyrgyzstan	nil	nil	nil	
53. Laos (LPDR)	nil	nil	nil	
54. Lebanon*	nil	28	34	
55. Luxembourg	nil	nil	nil	

1	2	3	4	5
56. Liberia	nil	nil	nil	
57. Libya	nil	3	4	
58. Madagascar	nil	nil	nil	
59. Malaysia*	nil	189	546	
60. Maldives	nil	1	1	
61. Malta	nil	nil	nil	
62. Mauritius	nil	46	nil	
63. Mexico	nil	nil	nil	
64. Mongolia	nil	nil	nil	
65. Morocco	nil	1	4	
66. Mozambique	nil	nil	9	
67. Myanmar	nil	22	9	
68. Namibia	nil	nil	nil	
69. Nepal	nil	207	2	
70. Netherlands	nil	8	nil	
71. New Zealand	nil	nil	nil	
72. Nigeria	nil	nil	nil	
73. Norway	nil	1	3	
74. Oman	nil	38	3	
75. Pakistan	54	1249	nil	
76. Panama*	nil	nil	68	
77. Paraguay	nil	nil	nil	
78. Peru	nil	nil	nil	
79. Philippines	nil	6	nil	
80. Poland*	nil	28	149	
81. Portugal	nil	nil	1	
82. Qatar*	nil	382	1410	
83. Romania	nil	8	44	
84. Russian Federation	nil	3	nil	
85. Saudi Arabia*	nil	1169	37962	
86. Senegal	nil	nil	nil	
87. Sierra Leone	nil	nil	nil	
88. Seychelles	nil	2	nil	
89. Singapore*	nil	215	300	
90. South Africa	nil	nil	9	
91. Spain	nil	11	nil	
92. Sri Lanka	nil	83	9	
93. Sudan	nil	nil	nil	
94. Surinam	nil	nil	nil	
95. Sweden	nil	nil	nil	
96. Switzerland	nil	2	nil	
97. Syrian Arab Republic	nil	nil	5	
98. Tajikistan	nil	nil	nil	

1	2	3	4	5
99. Tanzania (UR)	nil	nil	1	
100. Thailand*	nil	21	193	
101. Togo	nil	nil	nil	
102. Trinidad & Tobago*	nil	4	2	
103. Tunisia	nil	nil	nil	
104. Turkey	nil	1	1	
105. Turkmenistan	nil	nil	nil	
106. Uganda	nil	1	15	
107. Ukraine	nil	nil	nil	
108. U.A.E.*	nil	144	23	
109. United Kingdom*	nil	318	232	
110. U.S.A	nil	51	nil	
111. Uzbekistan	nil	nil	4	
112. Venezuela	nil	nil	nil	
113. Vietnam	nil	nil	nil	
114. Yemen	nil	3	3	
115. Yugoslavia	nil	nil	nil	
116. Zaira	nil	nil	nil	
117. Zambia	nil	nil	5	
118. Zimbabwe	nil	2	nil	
119. Nicaragua	nil	nil	53	
120. Bratislava	nil	nil	nil	
121. Maldova	nil	1	nil	
122. El-Salvador	nil	nil	32	
123. Guatemala	nil	nil	nil	
124. Gambia	nil	1	nil	

Figure includes illegal immigrants also

Warning to Doctors

1347. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether several prominent doctors have warned that the verdict of Supreme Court would herald the era of defensive practice in medicine throughout the country resulting in escalated cost of treatment; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government to the verdict and warning given by doctors thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) It has been reported in national dailies that some doctors have opined that the result of the order of the apex court would increase the cost of treatment and lead to practice of defensive medicine by doctors. It is also reported that this apprehension has

not been shared by others. The order of the Supreme Court is binding on doctors/hospitals rendering service for consideration.

Cancer

1348. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have identified the cancer prone areas in the country; and

(b) if so, whether the Government have adopted special programmes to control the spread of cancer in the cancer prone areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) While it is estimated that there are 2.0 million cancer cases throughout the country, there is no area-wise data available to enable identification of cancer prone areas in the country.

(b) Does not arise

[Translation]

Economic Loss by Rivers and Rain

1349. SHRI NITISH KUMAR :
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether heavy economic losses are caused due to changing of course by the rivers and heavy rains every year in many parts of the country particularly in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(b) if so, whether the Government have identified those rivers who change their course during the rainy season;

(c) if so, the names of such rivers and the States where the damage is caused by them;

(d) whether the Government propose to formulate any scheme to check floods in such rivers;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Heavy rains and floods and consequent erosion and in some cases changing course of rivers cause loss of life and property in many parts of the country particularly in Ganga and Brahmaputra basin States.

(b) and (c). The specific details of rivers which change course are however, not maintained in the Ministry of Water Resources.

(d) to (f). The State Governments, over the years, have been undertaking various measures of flood